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13 Everybody Knows
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16 Coastal Drone
17 Truck Driver (Culmination)
18 Parking Lot

GVGMFOS (literally: *Great Voice Great Music Full of Sex*) = pre-Г5—54 project that used analog synths with acoustic and mechanical musical instruments

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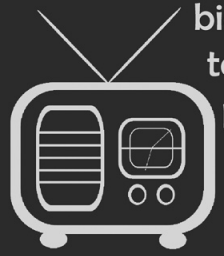

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